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LASER WELDING METHOD : Mail Stop: RCE

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 19, 2011 and the Advisory Action of April 5, 2012, the time for responding thereto having been extended one month to April 19, 2012, please amend the above-referenced U.S. patent application as follows.